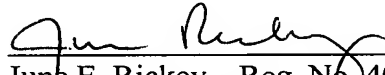


REMARKS

The Examiner indicates that claim 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form to comply with the Examiner's request. Claims 1-4 and withdrawn claims 12-15 were canceled.

In light of this amendment, all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application are allowable. Applicant appreciates the allowance of Claims 6-10 and 16-19.

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